House Resolution 72

By: Representative Franklin of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1   Urging the Supreme Court of Georgia to disbar or disallow admission to the bar any attorney

2   who is convicted of altering or backdating a legal document; and for other purposes.

3   WHEREAS, membership in the State Bar of Georgia by attorneys who practice law in this

4   state is regulated by the Supreme Court of Georgia; and

5   WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has established rules governing membership in the state bar;

6   and

7   WHEREAS, the rules governing misconduct by members of the state bar specifically

8   prohibit engaging in professional conduct involving fraud or deceit; and

9   WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of this body that members of the state bar have been

10   known to have been convicted of or have admitted to fraudulently altering or backdating, or

11   both altering and backdating, legal documents; and

12   WHEREAS, altering or backdating legal documents constitutes a violation of the rules

13   governing the professional conduct of Georgia attorneys.

14   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OR REPRESENTATIVES that

15   the members of this body urge the Supreme Court of Georgia immediately to revoke the

16   license to practice law in this state of any attorney who admits to or is convicted of altering

17   or backdating legal documents as soon as such action comes to the attention of the court or

18   the State Bar of Georgia without the necessity of filing a formal complaint.

19   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Supreme Court of Georgia is urged to disallow the

20   admission to the State Bar of Georgia of any attorney who has admitted to or been convicted

21   of altering or backdating legal documents at any time and in any jurisdiction.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized

23 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Supreme Court of

24 Georgia and the State Bar of Georgia.